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TOPIC General Information on Armeegruppe Nord.

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED] units of Armeegruppe Nord were alerted. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] the alert involved restriction to quarters and intensified patrol and guard duty.¹
2. [REDACTED] Minister of the Interior Will Stoph visited Object X in Altwarp. Major Boerner, as commanding officer of the AAA regiment (S-5 unit), reported the unit. Senior Lieutenant Zimmermann served as Ia and Captain Schaedlich as PK officer. A total of 28 guns and at least 80 to 100 new 3-axle Horch trucks were in a forest section west of the summer camp. The area close to the Warsin forestry was sealed off for towed-sleeve target practices which were scheduled to begin soon. The troops were supplied by trucks during the period of observation. Fuel came from an installation referred to as I-Basis which was located at the former Altwarp shipyard. Ammunition was picked up at a depot close to the Warsin forestry.²
3. [REDACTED] the S-6 unit located at Object X in Altwarp still had 1500 men. Major Auerbach, formerly Ia of the unit, served as commanding officer. [REDACTED] the unit was a regiment organized into 4 battalions including two which were fully equipped and ready for employment. [REDACTED] each of the two battalions consisted of 10 batteries. [REDACTED] the S-6 regiment trained cadres which were scheduled to be distributed later. Four rows of at least 200 Horch trucks and 200 heavy 120 mm mortars were on the parking lot for the mortars of the unit north of Nord Strasse from Forest Section 17 as far as Forest Section No 18. Do type mortars previously seen there had disappeared. Numerous mortar emplacements had been dug for training purposes close to the camp. The number of NCOs seen with the troops exceeded that of the personnel.
4. [REDACTED] some time ago, the four subunits of the regiment had been assigned rifle units from Prenzlau. They first wore infantry service color, but later received artillery service color. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] the gas details were under the command of Senior Lieutenant Salthow.²

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- 25X1 5. [] an officer of the Schmidt unit stated that most of the
25X1 tanks of this unit were T-43 tanks. A small number were IS-2. A few T-34
25X1 served for training purposes. [] all these tanks had
already been used and [] a large number had even seen action during
World War II. ³
- 25X1 6. [] numerous howitzers and AA guns were seen parked in
Eggesin.
7. The morale of the troops of Armeegruppe Nord was still poor, with most of
the men only striving for discharge and the officers being disillusioned
as a result of lack of discipline and authority. A mutiny which, in the
presence of General Hermann Hentze occurred during a motion picture
performance in Eggesin when soldiers refused to leave the theater that
had been occupied half by officers and half by soldiers resulted in the
arrest of the main instigator and the discharge of about 450 officers and
troops. When numerous VPs fell sick as a result of contaminated food,
eighteen members of the labor force of a supplying butchery were arrested
on charges of sabotage. [] a signal officer was arrested
because he had maintained radio communication with a western station and
had supplied information on the VP to a western agency. ⁴
- 25X1 8. Senior Lieutenant Schleift [], officer in charge of rear services
with the S-6 regiment stated that he was scheduled to serve as provost
marshal, since he had been a student of law.
- 25X1 9. All technicians of Bauunion Nord were scheduled to be inducted for
paramilitary training which went under the code designation of Dienst fuer
Deutschland. [] the plan was dropped, however, Major Kuschbert
(fnu) had been scheduled to conduct the first course at the Rostock officers
school. ⁵
- 25X1 1. [] Comment. It is believed that this measure was not linked with
any "rigged" political demonstrations in Berlin. Measures of this sort
had already previously repeatedly been taken in conjunction with special
exercises, deserters indicated.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The information confirms that the AAA regiment and the
mortar regiment of the Eggesin mechanized division are quartered in the
installation in Altwarp. The information on the organization of the mortar
regiment under the command of Major Auerbach cannot be checked. It is possible
that the personnel from Prenzlau may have [] used to bring the mortar regiment
to full strength. [] gas details belong to each regiment.
It is, however, not definitely clear whether the information refers to
these details. []
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. [] the heavy tank [] SP regiment of Major
25X1 Schmidt is equipped with about 80 to 90 IS-2 and about 20 ISU-122.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The unreliability of the KVP became evident during the
25X1 uprising in East Germany.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. The information again confirms that the paramilitary
25X1 training which had been planned was dropped. []
25X1 [] a course for officers in charge of administrative
duties was given in Rostock under the command of Major Krusbert, who probably is
the Major Kuschbert mentioned in the present report. []

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